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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/889,409	Applicant(s) Cameron et al.
Examiner Kevin E. Weddington	Art Unit 1614

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

4) Claim(s) 22-41 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims 22-41 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 22, 24 and 25 are drawn to a method for treating diabetic neuropathy in a warm blooded animal with a statin drug and combined with one other drug used for treating diabetes or the complications of diabetes, classified in class 514, subclasses 275, 635 and 866.
- II. Claims 23, 24 and 26-30 are drawn to a method for improving nerve conduction velocity or nerve blood flow in a warm blooded animal suffering from diabetic neuropathy with a statin drug combined with a second drug that is useful in improving nerve conduction velocity , classified in class 514, subclasses 275 and 315.
- III. Claims 31, 34 and 38 are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition and a method using the composition comprising a statin drug, lisinopril and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, classified in class 514, subclasses 275, 315 and 866.
- IV. Claims 32, 35 and 37 are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition and a method using the composition comprising a statin drug, candesartan, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, classified in class 514, subclasses 275 and 866.

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V. Claims 33, 36 and 39 are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition and a method using the composition comprising two statin drugs, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, , classified in class 514, subclasses 275.

VI. Claims 40 and 41 are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a statin drug and an insulin sensitizing agent, classified in class 514, subclass 275 and 394.

The six inventions are independent and distinct, each from the other as they have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their separate subject matter for inventive effort. Further, a reference which anticipates any one of the above inventions would neither anticipate or make obvious of the other inventions. Each such invention is capable of supporting its own patent. For these reasons, the restriction requirement is proper.

To be complete, applicants' response must include a provisional election even though the requirement may be traverse.

The applicants are required to elect a singe invention for examination purposes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner K. Weddington whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

K. Weddington

June 5, 2002


Kevin E. Weddington
Primary Examiner
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